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After we left school on Friday, we went to go and buy food for the night's cooking challenge and made our way to St Cassian's, a retreat in Kintbury. After we had all set up our tents, we gathered in the room for an icebreaker. We had to write our names and tell the story behind them, some more interesting than others! Every year the School Officers bid for funding from the St Bart's Trust Fund for special projects so we had a group discussion about what it could be used for. It was interesting to hear a range



of ideas and be a part of the process, which will hopefully have a lot of impact. We got to discuss ideas about the school even further when we separated off into the relevant groups, allowing us to get to know each other better.

And then finally, the pinnacle of the night - the ready, steady cook challenge! Lighting the disposable barbeques proved a challenge for some (including myself) but in the end we got there and all the groups produced a three-course meal. The winners were team 5 who made and assembled bruschetta, mini burgers and meringues. This was arguably the hardest bit of the evening, although it was fun to be cooking together and enjoying the nicest bit of weather all weekend!

We finished the evening off with more discussion about specific areas of the school, including the student newspaper, integration, sustainability and campaigning. It's important, that as student leaders, we can make positive change, and this weekend felt like the beginning of an exciting journey to achieve this.

The quality of the night's sleep varied according to who you ask, but we all woke up early on Saturday morning and set off on a treasure hunt around Kintbury. The treasure hunt this year was in honour of former teacher, Mr King, who used to lead it each year, but sadly died a few months ago. Carrying on the tradition of the



student leaders was a fitting end to the trip.

A huge thank you to all the teachers, and St Cassian's, for organising the trip. Particular thanks to Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Lane, for supporting her 15<sup>th</sup> School Officers' weekend! We all gained valuable skills that will help us lead change and make a difference to the school.

*Jemima Kerr (12P1)*



## Calendar

Founder's Day Assembly	Wednesday 19 June	
Final GCSE Exam	Wednesday 19 June	
Non-School Uniform Day	Friday 21 June	See below
Final A Level Exam	Friday 21 June	
German Exchange Students Arrive	Friday 21 June	(leave 28th June)
Y13 Prom - Newbury Rugby Club	Friday 21 June	7.30 – 10.00pm
Y11 Prom - Sandford Springs	Tuesday 25 June	6.30 – 10.30pm
German Exchange Trip to Bath	Wednesday 26 June	All day
KS3 Coding Competition	Wednesday 26 June	All day
Y12 Computer Science Trip to Harwell	Wednesday 26 June	10.00am – 4.30pm

[View all school events in our online calendar. Click here to go straight there](#)

### Y11 & Y13 Book Returns Request ~ by Friday 21 June



Now that we are approaching exams and nearing the end of this academic year, we would like to remind parents that your child's textbooks, library books and laptops (if they have one) should be returned to the Library by **Friday 21 June 2024**, at the latest. Of course, students will still be using these resources to complete their studies, but please can you ensure that any resources belonging to school are returned once students have completed their exams. Please can students hand them to a member of the Library staff, so we can check that your account is clear. Many thanks for your help. Students can come and speak to us in the Library if there are any questions or concerns.

### Non-Uniform Day ~ Friday 21 June

We have a special Non-Uniform Day on Friday 21 June. This will be to raise funds for our Kenya school link, Ulafulu School.

[Please click here to donate via ParentPay.](#)

We have a growing link with this school. You can read all about it [here](#)

We will also be hosting a massive House Bake Sale and a jewellery sale on this day. It would be great if students can bring a small amount of change with them to school. All proceeds from this will go to Ulafulu School and to Shelter Box, a refugee charity chosen by Sixth Form students.





## PA Meeting ~ Tuesday 2 July

St Bart's Parents' Association would like to welcome all parents and carers to join them at the next PA Meeting on Tuesday 2 July at 7.00pm in the Robinson Rooms (enter via the main school reception). The focus for the meeting will be Sixth Form. All parental feedback and questions are helpful, so please do join us if you are able.

We'd also like to make you aware of the PA AGM on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm. Please do add this date to your diary for after the summer holidays – more details to follow.

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers

Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to read six books during the school holiday. Friendly volunteers are required in local libraries to enrol young readers, administer the scheme and help celebrate their success along the way. If you have some time to spare over the summer, a love of books and enthusiasm for promoting reading to children, then this could be the perfect opportunity for you! This is an ideal opportunity for friendly and patient volunteers with good interpersonal skills. You can volunteer for this role from age 14. Contact West Berkshire Volunteer Centre if you are interested to learn more - [vbase@vcwb.org.uk](mailto:vbase@vcwb.org.uk) (Ref NY798)

St Bart's Careers Education Programme is delivered through PSHE lessons, assemblies and a portfolio of careers events. [More information on the programme can be found on our website](#). You will also find on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship Courses and Programmes, University Workshops and Schemes, Industry Webinars, Careers Resources for Parents and Carers and much more. The opportunities on this page are updated weekly. [Please click](#) to view the latest information.

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## HOUSE ART OVERALL RESULTS 2024

Well done to everyone who entered House Art 2024! The number and qualities of entries for all House Art key stages was very impressive this year. Key Stage 3 created their entries based on our 'Everyday Life' theme and Key Stages 4 and 5 were able to pick their own theme.

Work entered was judged and awarded points using two criteria – interpretation of theme and skills demonstrated. The overall results have been generated by adding up House scores from each key stage. Prizes will be awarded during House Assemblies.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Curnock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Davis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evers
4 <sup>th</sup>	Patterson





1st	Raphael Fu 7D2 'A Cruise Vacation'	Jaya Ward 11C1 'Headphone Skull'	Maddy Stephens 13C3 'Sky to Water'
2nd	Denis Bull 7C3 'Life Changes in a Box'	Sophie Lystor 10D3 'Walking Figure'	Alice Peters 13P3 'Rhino Head'
3rd	Alice Rumens 7E1 'Cheese!'	Gwen Wharry 11E2 'Figures in Space'	Rosie Barr 13D4 'Space Dress'
4th	Elliot Stevenson 7P2, 'Flowers in Vase'	Abi Hamblin 11P1 'Inner you'	Jess Smith 12E2 'Bubble Tea'

All the entries can be seen on [this link](#).

### MUSIC ROUND UP



gained a place with the National Youth Music Theatre programme this summer, where he will be joining other master musicians, playing for their musical productions. He faced fierce competition throughout the audition process, so we were delighted to receive this news.

We’ve had such a busy term so far in the Music department. With achievements by our fantastic young musicians coming thick and fast, we thought we would take time to update you all on some amazing stories.

Just prior to the Easter break, Miriam (13P3) won the prestigious Berkshire Young Musician of the Year competition. This was an enormous achievement and a much deserved celebration of years of hard work, we’re so proud of her.

Soon after came the news that Tom (12D5) had successfully





Towards the end of April we heard that Miriam, alongside Edmund (13P6) have gained coveted scholarships to read music full time from September, at Guildhall and The Royal Northern conservatoires respectively.

Oscar (13C3) successfully gained a place to study Sound and Film next year at the University of the West of England. All are pictured here with Charlotte (12P3) who was selected to attend the Junior Guildhall music programme last September.

We'd also like to congratulate Lauren (10P1) who recently

achieved a Distinction at grade 8 piano, a place in the County Youth Orchestra on the oboe and was also awarded apprenticeship status in the Ora Singers National Composition competition. She is fully engaged in GCSE Music and participates in many Music department activities, so we were thrilled to see her progress.



Huge congratulations should also go to Charlotte (12P3) who won the under 18s Young Composers Award in the 2024 national competition. She was invited to The National Centre for Early Music as a finalist, to experience a wonderful workshop under the direction of eminent composer Christopher Fox with the Ex Corde choir led by Paul Gameson. As a result, Charlotte's piece will now be performed by the Tallis Scholars on BBC Radio 3 in the autumn.

At the end of May, the Senior Band gave a superb concert at The Corn Exchange for the Spring Festival Showcase. They received so many compliments and inspired the next generation of musicians in the primary schools too. They also attended two wonderful lunchtime concerts,

courtesy of the Newbury Spring Festival.

More recently we've been rehearsing the choral repertoire together in preparation for the Senior Music Festival on 11 July and the orchestra had a blast getting ready for our concert with the Newbury Symphony Orchestra on 22 June.

It takes dedication to devote time to music making in school alongside students' busy lives and other academic commitments, but these students, alongside their peers, have inspired other students as a result. We're so proud of and delighted for them all.





GCSE Graphic Communication students joined Miss Suggitt and Miss Richardson on a trip to Marwell Zoo on 6 June for a research trip. Students are currently developing advertising and signage for the zoo. They used the day to take lots of photos of the animals and the existing graphics in different areas of the zoo. Cady told me she loved the trip and that the giraffes and zebras were the highlight. Owen liked the inspirational graphics - he thought they would be really useful to refer to for his own project. Amelie enjoyed watching the meerkats being fed and Tammy was pleased with how many photos she managed to take - over three hundred!


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## YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10 PHYSICS OLYMPIADS



The final two events of the Physics Olympiad season took place recently. All Year 8 students took part in the first Year 8 Online Physics Olympiad. Despite some technical issues, 241 students submitted answers to the papers. Those students achieved 41 Gold Awards, 151 Silver Awards and 37 Bronze Awards. An excellent return. However, one student achieved the highest overall percentage score of all the St Bart's students who entered. That student was **Sam (8P2)** (pictured).



Year 10 Separate Scientists also took their Online Challenge. This involved some tricky problem solving. Nevertheless, the 57 students who took part achieved 11 Gold Awards, 29 Silver Awards and 17 Bronze Awards. All the students who took part won an award. These results put St Bart's students significantly ahead of the national average of those entering this competition. Again, one student achieved the highest overall percentage score for all St Bart's students who entered. That student was **Logan (10P1)**. Congratulations to all who took part.

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Guide  
Dogs

| Name a  
Puppy

# Birth certificate

Puppy name:

Major

Named by:

Patterson House, St Bartholomew's School

Born:

20/04/2024

Gender:

Male

Colour:

Yellow

Breed:

Golden Retriever x Labrador

Mum:

Pebble

Dad:

Cohen

Siblings:

Harvey, Bandit, Leyland, Bramble, Perkins, Ruby, Anna  
Megan, Nancy.

Thank you for being  
part of my story.

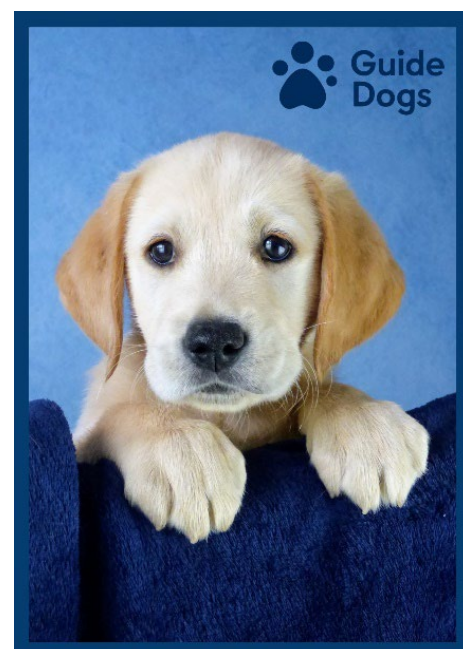


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## MEET MAJOR

Meet Major – Guide Dog number 10. Major has been named to recognise all the work that former House Head, Mr Brooker did for Patterson students and his role as Major in the CCF. Mr Brooker put his all into Patterson and CCF, encouraging fundraising for Guide Dogs at every opportunity. Thank you Mr Brooker, you will always be GOLD – here is a dog for you.



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## WELL DONE HAZEL!



Well done to Hazel (9C2) who recently completed the challenge of running 31 miles in May for Bowel Babe Cancer Research. She raised just over £475 for the charity which is an amazing achievement, and Hazel should be incredibly proud of herself!



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## SPORTS LEADER FIRST AID



Congratulations to the Year 10 Sports Leaders who successfully completed a basic First Aid training course with Paul Tiney from Foremost First Aid Training. A great afternoon was had by all with excellent delivery of theoretical aspects of First Aid from Paul and some good practical opportunities.

Well done to you all.

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## PE

### Year 9 Cricket

Well done to the Year 9 cricket team who beat John O'Gaunt School. John O'Gaunt School batted first and scored a total of 47/9. St Bart's batted second and scored a total of 55/8. Players of the match were Sidney for his batting and Jimmy for his bowling.





### **Athletics Festival at Trinity**

Well done to the students that attended the Athletics Festival at Trinity. Students got to try some new events and had the opportunity to compete against other schools. Great fun was had by all!



### **Year 8 Cricket**

The Year 8 boys' cricket team played against Maiden Erlegh in the quarter final of the County Vase. It was a fantastic game played in great spirits by both teams. The game finished tied with both teams scoring 101 runs! This meant a very super over was needed to decide the winner. Unfortunately, Maiden Erlegh came away winners. Charlie Chalmer was the player of the match for scoring 28 runs.





## County Athletics Competition

Congratulations to the following students who took part in the County Athletics Competition at Palmer Park on Saturday 8 June.

Kenechi Akosa	200m	County Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> – 22.9secs
Eli Bodin	1500m	9 <sup>th</sup> in final – 05:05:02 secs
Chris Broadfoot	Javelin	7 <sup>th</sup> in final - 27.65m
Deacon Callum	80m Hurdles	4 <sup>th</sup> in heat – 17.8 secs
Max Charlton	100m	4 <sup>th</sup> in heat – 12.5 secs
Isla Clare	1500m	4 <sup>th</sup> in final - 05:22:00 secs
Heydn James	Javelin	
Olive Muir	1500m	5 <sup>th</sup> in final - 05:34:00 secs
Theo Nightingale	High Jump	6 <sup>th</sup> in final – 1.64m
Ffion Pritchard	Long Jump	5 <sup>th</sup> in final - 4.63 m
Joe Richards	Shot	6 <sup>th</sup> in final – 9.94m
Jacob Tang	200m	4 <sup>th</sup> in final - 24.4secs
Antonio Valdivia	300m	4 <sup>th</sup> in final - 40.0 secs

## Year 7 Area Athletics

Congratulations to the Year 7 athletics team who took part in the Area Athletics competition on Friday 7 June at Palmer Park. An excellent day of athletics which was justly rewarded with some superb results from the whole team.

### Girls

The team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 12 schools, just missing out on 1<sup>st</sup> place to Downe House School.

Very well done to you all and thank you for your hard work and commitment.

Special mention goes to the following girls who excelled in their events:

- Penny Prowse 1<sup>st</sup> in the 75m and also 1<sup>st</sup> place in Long Jump
- Olivia Lewis 1<sup>st</sup> place in Hurdles
- Jessie Mc Curtin 1<sup>st</sup> Place in High Jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 1000m
- Freya Ilsley 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Discus
- Alice Kirby 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Javelin.



These girls will now go on to represent the County later this month.

### Boys

The boys were brilliant throughout the day, coming away the overall winners of the competition! It was great to see the students getting involved in lots of different events, some who were very new to them.

Some notable performances from the day were as follows:

- Joe Hunter-Smart 1st in the 75m Hurdles
- Euan Jones got a silver medal in the Javelin
- Mason Crease won the bronze medal in the discus



- Alex Rowe a bronze medal in the 150m
- Dexter Brown got the gold in the 600m
- Rupert Knight got the silver in the 1000m
- And the relay team got the silver!

Euan, Dexter and Rupert will now be invited to compete for the county at the regional competition.

Well done everyone!

### West Berkshire Girls' Cricket League

Final standings for the West Berkshire girls' cricket leagues - well done to those who played

#### Year 7:

1st -St Gabriel's School A  
2nd- Park House School  
3rd- Theale Green School  
4th- St Bart's School A  
5th- St Bart's School B  
6th- Kennet School A  
7th Kennet School B  
8th- St Gabriel's School B  
9th- The Willink School  
10th- Trinity School

#### Year 8:

1st - The Downs School  
2nd - Kennet School A  
3rd - St Bart's School B  
4th - The Willink School  
5th – Park House School  
6th - St Gabriel's School  
7th - Trinity School  
8th - Theale Green School  
9th - St Bart's School A  
10th - Kennet School B

#### Year 10:

1st - St Bart's School A  
2nd - St Bart's School B  
3rd - St Gabriel's School  
4th - The Downs School  
5th- Kennet School A  
6th- Kennet School  
7th - Park House School  
8th - Kennet School B  
9th - Trinity School

**Year 9:** Due to weather, this year group only played 1:1 friendlies and therefore there are no final standings

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